

is the opinion of the British press. With this admission there is developing daily an increasing tension over Greece's attitude, coupled with demands that the allies must allow her policy to drift while there is possibility of her turning against the entente.

A Serbian official communication refers to the presence of French troops co-operating with the Serbian forces in the neighborhood of Strumitsa, but in none of the communications since the beginning of the new Balkan campaign have the English been mentioned. The Bulgarians, though hampered by bad weather, are driving further into the interior of Serbia, while the Austro-German forces on the north and east frontiers are maintaining terrific pressure and moving slowly forward. They have gained another passage across the Drina River near Viskovac.

It is expected here that the arrival of the Bulgarians at the new commander of expeditionary forces, will be accompanied by renewed military activity on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

**MILITARY SITUATION IN SERBIA TO OCTOBER 20**  
PARIS, October 23.—The Serbian legation to-day received an official dispatch, October 21, giving the Serbian military situation up to October 20. It follows:

"Northwest front (Austro-German army). After determined fighting, the enemy has taken the village of Rachanitz, the Serbian left wing south of Belgrade having been attacked by strong columns and obliged to withdraw upon their positions of Kosmal. Large hostile forces are in the direction of Borak-Stepievatz.

"Eastern front: A column advancing toward the village of Kraljevo Selo was repulsed by the Serbians, and is retreating towards the village of Oehlarne.

"Upon the Nijava there is no change. At Vlasina desperate fighting continues.

"In the new provinces the enemy has taken Velze.

"Upon the front of Strumitsa-Krivola (French troops) there is no change."

**GERMANS DISPERSED QUICKLY BY FRENCH**  
PARIS, October 23.—Detachments of German troops endeavored to advance yesterday evening from their trenches near Bois-en-Hache and Givenchy, but they were quickly dispersed, according to the War Office statement to-day.

The text follows:  
"Yesterday evening troops of the enemy endeavored to come out from their trenches in the southern part of Bois-en-Hache and Givenchy, but they were quickly dispersed, and easily dispersed.

"In the Champagne district also strong reconnoitering parties of the enemy, supported by the firing of shells which irritated the eyes and produced suffocation, endeavored to take possession of our positions in the vicinity of Butte-de-Tahure. These parties were everywhere repulsed, and virtually destroyed by the fire of our infantry and machine guns.

"On the front in Lorraine, French forces, after a stubborn and hand-to-hand conflict, occupied a trench held by the enemy at a point near the junction of the roads running between Lentrety and Gondrexon and Aménontcourt and Reillon."

**RUSSIAN SITUATION**

**REGARDED AS FAVORABLE**  
TETTERGHAN, October 23 (via London).—Russian military authorities regard the situation along the entire front of 675 miles as favorable. Three days ago the German efforts between Mitau and the Gulf of Riga presented a serious problem. Now the Germans have been checked, and their sphere of action is being narrowed.

Eastward along the line, to points beyond Dvinsk, the Russians are successfully pressing the Germans, gaining ground in many places. Their most considerable success recently has been at Postavy. This town was taken and the Germans were driven westward through Polka in a fierce battle.

From that vicinity south to the Baranovich region there is little activity. In the immediate vicinity of Baranovich the Russians are still on the offensive, after having gained advantageous positions, which placed them in command of the right bank of the Shara River, thereby threatening the Germans to the northward.

In Galicia the Russians are following up their successes at Novo Melniz. It is stated in reports from this region that three German divisions were cut to pieces there.

The Russian authorities attribute their successes to the vigor of the Russian attack, the exhaustion of German troops and the increasing difficulties of transportation with which the invading army has to contend.

**STRONG RUSSIAN ATTACKS**

**REMAIN FRUITLESS**  
BERLIN, October 23 (via London).—The text of the German official statement to-day follows:

"There is no news from the western theater.

"In the eastern theater:  
"Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg—Russian vessels appeared on the northern coast of Courland and bombarded the ports of Detagovo, Domenev and Ipoen. The Russians also landed weak forces at Domenev."

"Repeated Russian attacks, delivered with strong forces in the Bukli, remained fruitless."

"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria—South of Lake Wygonowko an enemy attack was delivered against our positions on the Wilno Canal. The attack was repulsed."

"West of Czartorysk our attack is making further progress. Polka has been occupied by us and more than 600 prisoners taken."

"In the Balkan theater:  
"At Viskovac we forced a passage across the Drina and the enemy was driven from the heights south of this place."

"The army of General Kovacs stormed the enemy's positions between Luvaklak and Lowsay Mountain."

"The army of General von Gallwitz has driven the enemy from the Jasenica, east of Palanka, and has thrown the Serbians south of the Morava out of their positions on the Aleksandrov-Orbivole line. More than 600 Serbians were taken prisoner."

"Giving way to pressure from both sides, the Serbians also are retreating from their positions on the line of Kosutica Mountain-Shtipa height."

"Bulgarian troops took possession of Negoten and Roglyeva. Bulgarian attacks are in progress to the east and southeast of Knezewac. Southeast of

them they have repulsed Serbian advances with sanguinary losses."

**ITALIAN OFFENSIVE**

**REPORTED DEVELOPING**  
ROME, October 23 (via Paris).—An Italian War Office statement reads:  
"Our offensive hands began along the Tyrol-Trentino frontier is developing and extends along the whole front to the sea. In the Giudicaria Valley, where the capture of Monte Mellino secured for us a large amount of material, we have occupied Monte Ret and Monte Tiro, the enemy supported by batteries on Monte Bianca, attempted on the evening of the 20th a counter-attack. He was repulsed and pursued with heavy losses."

"The head of the Italian troops have advanced at the same time along the heights of the range of Monte Cristallo, reaching the rugged crest of Banchetto di Tiro, which extends towards Schenbach, taking enemy trenches and making some prisoners."

"All along the front, from Corpetta to the sea, after an intense artillery preparation, our troops in the morning of the 21st began an attack on the enemy positions, which were protected by several lines of trenches, strongly held. Under a violent and concentrated artillery, machine-gun and bomb fire, our infantry dashed forward courageously and took, at the point of the bayonet, important positions."

"First, in the Monte Moro zone, the very strongly defended Trimerone, second, numerous positions well guarded by trenches on the height of Santa Lucia, third, north of Gorizia, a solid redoubt on the slopes of Monte Sabotino."

"On the Cerso, likewise, strong enemy lines have been pierced at several places, enemy detachments have been annihilated or dispersed and twenty-five officers and 1,184 men were captured."

**SERBIAN GOVERNMENT**

**TRANSFERRED TO KRALJEVO**

BUCHAREST, October 23 (via Berlin and London).—It is reported here that the seat of the Serbian government has been transferred from Nish to Kraljevo, about sixty-five miles northwest of Nish. The plan to transfer the government to Menastir, in Southwestern Serbia, near the Greek border, was abandoned on account of the interruption of railroad communication.

**GREECE CLAIMS RIGHT TO SETTLE OWN AFFAIRS**

Note, Expressing Government's Viewpoint, Says It Is Independent Action, Able to Dispose of Own Fate.

PARIS, October 23.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following dispatch under Friday's date:

"All the evening papers published an identical note, said to be an explanation of the government's viewpoint in the situation. The note expresses surprise at the intervention of powers in the relations between Greece and Serbia, the faculty of interpretation of those countries belonging exclusively to the contracting parties, the accord having been freely concluded without the intervention or guarantee of a third party."

"It must not be forgotten," says the note, "that Greece is an independent nation that disposes of its fate in full sovereignty."

"The note goes on to say that the Austro-German attack on Serbia releases Greece at least from the obligation of armed intervention, and that, independent of attack, it is materially impossible for Serbia to give Greece the support of 150,000 men stipulated in the treaty in case of war with Bulgaria, and that the entente powers have not furnished a contingent equivalent."

"The note adds that the specialists best qualified consider that the Balkan expedition would require at least 400,000 men, and that, under these conditions, Greece would ruin herself without even the consolation of saving Serbia."

"On the other hand," says the note, "Greece offers all the service she can render in allowing the free passage over its territory of the allies' troops going to the Serbian front, and in maintaining her own army on a war footing."

"The note expresses the gratitude of Greece for the offer made, though not yet concrete, and thanks England for the offer of Cyprus. It recalls the Greek sympathies for the entente and the benevolence of the neutrality maintained thus far. It ends by saying that Greece does not forget that the absolute right to regulate its own fortunes."

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**CHARLTON CASE TAKES AN UNFAVORABLE TURN**

Italian Experts Contradict American Affidavits as to Prisoner's Tendency to Epilepsy.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROMA, Italy, October 23.—Following a day given over to alienists' testimony as to the responsibility of Porter Charlton, the young American, for his action in murdering his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, the trial was adjourned until Monday, when counsel will make their pleas and a verdict will be returned.

The case took an unfavorable turn for Charlton to-day with the contradiction on Italian experts of the American affidavits as to Charlton's tendency to tuberculosis and epilepsy.

Before court convened, an hour's conference was held between the prosecution and defense. It was learned that the conference dealt entirely with the degree of Charlton's responsibility for the crime. Judge Salacra, president of the court, it was learned, is most favorably disposed toward Charlton, and is inclined to grant that there may have been extenuating circumstances. He is also willing to accept the theory that Charlton was only semirresponsible, mentally. It is learned, however, that he is irrevocably opposed to the conclusion advanced by Charlton's alienists that the prisoner was completely irresponsible, and that he had sufficient provocation to commit the crime. An acceptance of the latter theory would assure acquittal.

Charlton's friends now place faith in the ability of his counsel, Judge Picardi, to shift the case in the prisoner's favor when his time comes to plead. Picardi is known as an attorney of high repute and an excellent pleader.

**BIG PROTESTANT PARADE**

Fifty Thousand Men, Women and Children, Behind Eighty Bands and Drum Corps, March in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, October 23.—Fifty thousand men and women, behind eighty brass bands and drum corps, participated in the Protestant parade, through the downtown streets here to-day. The parade, which was the largest ever held in this city, was viewed by more than 200,000 persons, who lined the streets, blocking traffic for hours. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong reviewed the marchers.

**Passenger Line Proposed.**

GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, October 23.—There is a movement afoot to start a passenger line of steamers between New York and this port, and, while it is not an opportune time to build or buy ships, promoters of the venture are appealing to Swedish pride to uphold the plan, which calls for a capital of 10,000,000 kronor (about \$2,500,000).

**Offers Marriage—Goes to Jail.**

BERLIN, October 23.—A woman in Sagan, Silesia, has just been sent to prison for months for making an offer of marriage to a Russian prisoner of war. The prosecuting attorney asked for a sentence of one year.

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Englishmen of Military Age Depart From Country to Escape Conscription—No Way to Prevent Exodus, Which Is Constantly on Increase.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

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Forty would-be passengers were rejected, on the ground that their passports were incomplete.

**THOUSANDS LEAVING TO ESCAPE CONSCRIPTION**

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 23.—If anything was needed to settle the question raised in this week's Commons debate concerning the truth of the report that thousands of Englishmen of military age are leaving the country to escape conscription, the scene this morning at the Euston Station would suffice to satisfy the most optimistic that this is undoubtedly the case.

The boat train connecting with the liner New York, sailing from Liverpool to-day, carried fifteen extra coaches to accommodate the unprecedented number of third-class passengers—chiefly able-bodied young men from the East End of London.

On the platform swarming about among the passengers were several hundred men, women and children, almost all weeping and generally bewailing the fate which prevented their accompanying the voyagers.

Not all the conscript escapees were third-class passengers. Among the saloon passengers fully fifty are known to have been British subjects of military age.

Inquiry at the Home Office elicited the information that there is no way to prevent the exodus, which, according to steamship officials, has been increasing by leaps and bounds during the past month.

The opinion of the man in the street is that conscription is very close at hand. The steamship offices in Cockspur Street have recently offered scenes not dissimilar to those which marked the days of August, 1914, when thousands of American refugees were frantically trying to procure passage for themselves.

Among the New York passengers was Gaby Deslys, with her secretary, two maids, a chauffeur and a new pearl necklace, which she said cost \$100,000. She wore the necklace partly hidden under the stunk collar of her brown sports coat. It had three pearls as big as small hen eggs, with the pendant of diamonds and pearls. She has all her jewels with her, and says they total almost \$2,000,000 in value.

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**ONE KILLED, FIVE INJURED, IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT**

Five-Passenger Car Turns Over Twice When Driver Attempts Sharp Curve at High Speed.

WYTHSVILLE, VA., October 23.—George Black, thirty years old, of Pulaski, Va., was killed instantly and five companions from the same place were badly injured on the macadam road five miles east of here at 10:30 o'clock to-night, when a five-passenger automobile turned completely over twice as the car was about to take an abrupt curve. Frank Black, a brother of the dead man, was driving.

The injured are: Frank Black, John Welch, William Taylor, Hugh Johnson and Edward Dobbin. They were brought to Wytheville and placed in a local hospital.

According to one of the men, the car was coming from Pulaski at a high rate of speed. When the sharp curve was reached the driver attempted to make a quick turn, causing his machine to turn turtle.

**ABOVE 15,000,000 MARK**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 23.—Exposition attendance to-day is soaring over the 15,000,000 mark. That figure in the compilation of fair visitors was reported at 7 p.m. last night, the last million admissions having piled upon sixteen days. The previous million took seventeen days.

This week the attendance has been heavier than that of the previous three weeks, and has exceeded the attendance in the corresponding week of September.

E. C. Conroy, chief of admissions, estimates that fully 3,000,000 more admissions will be paid before the close of the exposition.

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